

Notice is given that applications have been made to the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks for consent for First Bancorp, 300 SW Broad Street, Southern Pines, NC 28387, to acquire by merger Select Bancorp, Inc., 700 West Cumberland Street, Dunn, NC 28334 and for First Bank, 300 SW Broad Street, Southern Pines, NC 28387, the commercial bank subsidiary of First Bancorp, to acquire by merger Select Bank and Trust Company, the commercial bank subsidiary of Select Bancorp, Inc., 700 West Cumberland Street, Dunn, NC 28334. The principal offices of First Bancorp and First Bank as the resulting company and bank of the mergers will be located in Southern Pines, N.C. The resulting bank may determine to close or consolidate one or more branches following completion of the merger, subject to applicable regulatory requirements, including prior regulatory and customer notices. The applications are being made pursuant to § 53C-7-202 and § 53C-10-202 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Interested persons may make written comment on the proposed mergers to the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks (4309 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4309), which will be considered if received not later than September 7, 2021.